



# THE BRUSH WHACKER BEE

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## President's Message

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WOW!! The Christmas party was so much fun!! Thank you to Carol P. and Cecelia for all their hard work. Thank you to everyone who donated to the raffle. We made almost \$3000 and part of that goes to the Rachel Center. I feel truly blessed to belong to a club that is so generous with their time and talents.

I want to thank Kathy Steffel and Roxanne Walker for choosing the best gift for me from the club. I take my great grandson, David, to the zoo a lot (he can only last about 2 hours). They got me a gift card to buy yearly passes to the zoo and a bag to carry whatever David needs. I really appreciate the thoughtfulness.

We are starting the New Year with a snowman class with Donna Carpenter. She will be in person. She is such a patient teacher with a wonderful talent to share with us.

Be sure to get your membership in to Donna Eledge as soon as possible. Also, get your bags from Jenny for the Monarch School. She will be having paint bags' zoom meetings again. Watch your e-mail and newsletter for more information.

Lastly, I hope everyone can start the New Year with an open heart and a big smile to share.

Happy Creating,  
Pam

## Giving 2024

Our club, all of you, donate to several organizations. I wanted to list them so that all the members would know what our giving includes.

With Jenny's help we paint and donate bags to the Monarch Center. It is where homeless children can go to school. This year we donated 149 painted bags.

Joyce collects new underwear at every paint in. She collects these and donates them to Rachel's Center. It is a place where women can go for food, help, a shower and encouragement. This year we donated 393 pairs of underwear as well as socks, makeup and toothbrushes.

Part of the raffle at our Christmas party is also donated to Rachel's Center. We donated \$1000 to this important group.

Besides paying rent and meeting at STMSC, we also donate to their art program. This year we donated \$250 as well as many art items.

Each year we donate the money for awards for painting at the San Diego County Fair. This helps promote our club. So be sure to watch the newsletter for Sheri Barker and Andrea Toth's information about when to submit your entry in the fair.

This year Sally Anson organized our seminar which was free to all members of our club. And lastly we subsidize the Christmas party so hopefully more members can attend.

Thank you to all of you for your support and generosity. I feel it is important that we continue to support our community.

Pam

## PROGRAMS

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Hello Everyone!

We hope that you and yours had a Wonderful Holiday Season! It was a wonderful Christmas Party that the Christmas Party Chairpersons and their Committee put on for the members. It was great to see so many of our painting friends. Thank you, Ladies!

We are kicking off 2025 with Donna Carpenter teaching our January class, “Snowmen Melt Your Heart”, a Monica Brent design in acrylics. Donna painted the project on a 12” x 12” surface available through Donna at Art Creations. You may contact Donna at 619-440-3320 (shop phone number). This design would be cute on any surface in your stash, just shrink or enlarge the pattern to fit your needs.

The February class will be a very sweet Erika JoAnne design, “Ginger Foxtail”, taught by Rayma Stewart who is certified to teach Erika JoAnne’s designs. The kit is \$10.00 and comes with the surface and pattern. This project is painted with JoSonja paints and shaded with Prismacolor colored pencils.

The March Class, “Ahh Autumn”, is designed and taught by our very own Sally Anson featuring multimedia techniques. Sally can provide kits to those out of the area wishing to Zoom, however you will need to contact her directly to purchase kits and arrange for shipping in advance. We hope this advance notice will give those out of the area enough time to obtain a kit to join us via Zoom.

Wishing you and yours a Peaceful, Joyful, Healthy and Happy New Year! We hope to see you at an upcoming Paint-In.

Kind regards,

SDBW Program Chairpersons

Kathy Steffel, 619-328-3021, kjsteffel@cox.net

Roxanne Walker, 858-699-7843, tole29@yahoo.com

## PROGRAMS

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JANUARY 18

Project: Snowmen Melt Your Heart

Teacher: Donna Carpenter

Designer: Monica Brint

Class Fee: \$25.00 / Non-Member:  
\$30.00

Packet/Supplies Fee: \$5.00 Pattern

Surface Fee: \$14.00 Wood 12 x 12

Order from Donna Carpenter or  
surface of your choice

Medium: Acrylics

Skill Level: Beginner/Intermediate



FEBRUARY 15

Project: Ginger Foxtail

Teacher: Rayma Stewart (Via  
ZOOM)

Designer: Erika JoAnne

Class Fee: \$25.00 / Non-Member:  
\$30.00

Packet/Supplies Fee: \$10.00

Surface Fee: Included in

Packet/Supplies Cost

Medium: JoSonja Paints & Prisma  
Colored Pencils

Skill Level: Beginner/Intermediate

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March 15

Project: Ahhh Autumn

Teacher/Designer: Sally Anson

Class Fee: \$25.00 / Non-Member: \$30.00

Packet/Supplies Fee: \$10.00

Surface Fee:

Medium: Multi Media

Note: Class is hands on, but if students wish to zoom they can contact Sally for the supplies as she can ship but there will be added shipping costs.

Skill Level: Beginner/Intermediate

## PANTY RAFFLE

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Happy New Year, everyone! We're excited to kick off our first Panty Raffle of the year, featuring the stunning "Cottage" creation by Sue Ludlam! This beautifully crafted piece is a true work of art, with intricate details on all sides. Your participation in our Panty Raffle supports a wonderful cause: The Rachel Center, which provides essential new underwear to approximately 100 women daily. Check out the additional photos to appreciate the full beauty of Sue's design. Join us in making a difference!

Joyce Hatch



## WAYS AND MEANS

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The raffles at SMSC help us pay rent for using their facility. So it is really nice when you can come and paint in person. Our January raffle will have the brown bag mystery prize and the guessing jar. There will also be wintry items as well as some valentine themed household decorations. Hope to see you there.

- Pam

## HOSPITALITY

Painting Friends,

Do you know of a fellow Brush Whacker who would enjoy receiving an encouraging note or a "Thinking of You" card? I'd love to send her one. Please e-mail her name to me at [charlotte.a.hicks23@gmail.com](mailto:charlotte.a.hicks23@gmail.com).

Thank you,

Charlotte



## FACEBOOK

Hi Painting Friends,

Do you know we have a Facebook page? Upcoming classes are listed to keep you informed. The more communication we have, hopefully the more you will get involved. The newsletter is great but you can't talk back. So lets hear back from you. Comment when you see a post. Ask questions. Share tips and helpful classes or other websites. I post as myself and also as Brushwhackers if I use the admin tab. I would love to see your projects as well. So let's get involved and share our art, club and friendships on Facebook.

Jenny Stabile. 619 917 7177. [jensbusy@gmail.com](mailto:jensbusy@gmail.com)

## CHILDREN'S CHARITY

Thank you to all my Bag Painting Ladies. We were able to turn in 149 bags in 2024. Please keep it up. I just ordered a fresh case so I am well supplied. You can find me at the monthly paint in's with bags or give me a call. We will be starting up ZOOM Bag Painting Night again . In January, we will be painting on ZOOM Wednesday January 22nd at 7pm PST. An email will be sent out prior to the date with a Zoom invite. Be on the lookout of give me a holler.

Your Bag Lady, Jenny.

619 917 7177. [Jensbusy@gmail.com](mailto:Jensbusy@gmail.com)

## VISIT OUR WEBSITE TO STAY UP TO DATE

Keep up with the latest information on our website at

<https://www.sdbushwhackers.com/>

If you have any pictures you'd like to share for our website please email them to me at [wolfepaints@gmail.com](mailto:wolfepaints@gmail.com)

Every month the latest Newsletter is available along with all the forms for the year, membership, Christmas party, and the seminar. All forms can be printed out.

Be sure to check out all of the links to see what we're all about. Visit soon!

Carol Wolfe

### The Fair is Coming! The Fair is Coming!

Plan now to paint, sew, craft, needle, bake or prepare another HomeMade item to enter in the 2025 San Diego Fair. The theme, Summer Pet-Tacular has been announced, so if you want to submit something that reflects the theme, start thinking about it today. Of course, there is no requirement to submit something that fits the theme—any work can be submitted. Andrea and I deliver the Brush Whackers' items to the fair in early to mid-May.

There hasn't been a requirement that the item be prepared within a year or two since Covid shut everything down, so you might look around . . . do you have something with a pet theme already completed? Feel free to get creative and we look forward to taking a record number of Brush Whacker entries this year. ;-)





# Happy Birthday Brush Whackers



## JANUARY BIRTHDAYS:

**9TH CAROL WHITTON**

**10TH MARILYN WINDER**

**12TH DONNA ELEDGE**

**16TH GINGER MEARS**

**18TH DEBBIE PATENAUDE**

**18TH NANCY WILSON**

**19TH JACKI NORTHING**

**20TH ANDREA TOTH**

**21ST EVIE VACCARO**



## FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS:

**9TH NINA PIERSON**

**22ND JUDY COATES**



## MEMBERSHIP

**HAPPY NEW YEAR. We are starting off 2025 with 70 members. We are welcoming here our newest member:**

**Amanda Roberts  
98 Gail Winds Lane  
Crossville CA 38572  
931-248-3306 (no birthday listed)  
Wild.hair.fiber@gmail.com**



**The 2025 membership form can be found in the newsletters and on the website. You can also call me and I can email to you. Be certain that I have all current information for you as we will be preparing for the 2025 roster in the new year.**

Your membership and/or renewals can always be sent to: Donna Kidd Eledge 144 Landis Ave Chula Vista, CA 91910. Be certain to completely and clearly fill out the form (even if there are no changes) and attach your check for \$15.00. Please make your check payable to

***SAN DIEGO BRUSH WHACKERS.***

Wishing you and yours a bless and Happy New Year.

**Feel free to contact me for any changes to your information, questions or comments: 619-857-8096 or [jdbeldg@yahoo.com](mailto:jdbeldg@yahoo.com)**

Thank you. Donna



# 2025 San Diego Brush Whackers ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP FORM

Find us at: [www.sdbrushwhackers.com](http://www.sdbrushwhackers.com)

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Last First

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Street

\_\_\_\_\_

City State Zip Code

Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Birthday (optional) \_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_ Cash \_\_\_\_ Ck# \_\_\_\_

month day

E-mail \_\_\_\_\_

Emergency contact \_\_\_\_\_ Phone#: \_\_\_\_\_

Relationship of contact \_\_\_\_\_

**All newsletters will be emailed to members.**

**We will print your name, address, phone #, e-mail and birthday in our membership roster unless you circle information that you DO NOT want printed in the roster.**

Type of membership:

New \_\_\_\_ Renew \_\_\_\_ WITH SAN DIEGO BRUSH WHACKERS.

Level of painting: Beginning \_\_\_\_ Intermediate \_\_\_\_ Advanced \_\_\_\_

Please check all that apply: Student \_\_\_\_ Teacher \_\_\_\_ Business \_\_\_\_

Thank you for filling out our Membership form clearly and **completely**.

**Annual San Diego Brush Whacker membership dues for 2025 are \$15.00.**

**Make checks payable to: San Diego Brush Whackers**

Mail to our Membership Chairperson:

Donna Kidd Eledge  
144 Landis Ave  
Chula Vista CA 91910

Questions: [jdbeldg@yahoo.com](mailto:jdbeldg@yahoo.com)  
or 619-857-8096

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## San Diego Brush Whacker Paint In's Paint In Information and Policies

- ★ **WHEN:** 3rd Saturday of the month (except Sept. & Dec.) 9am to 3pm
- ★ **WHERE:** St. Madeleine Sophie Center 2119 E. Madison Ave. El Cajon, CA 92019-1111
  - I-8 east, exit Greenfield Dr - turn right, turn left E. Madison, center is on your right
- ★ **FOOD:** Bring your own lunch. Coffee and tea will be provided.
- ★ **WHO:** Any member in good standing
  - Guests/Non-Members - Welcome to attend paint-ins for an additional \$5.00 per class
- ★ **COST:**
  - Member Class Fee is \$25/Non-Member Fee is \$30 - covers room rent & teacher fee
  - Project Fee - decided by teacher
  - Surface Fee - varies (if applicable)
  - Checks will be cashed AFTER the paint-in, when paying for multiple classes please provide a separate check for each class.
  - **NO REFUNDS** are given for paint-ins
  - **SURFACES** You may provide your own surface
  - Prep instructions and surface, if applicable, will be available at the paint-in previous to the scheduled class
  - *It is the member's responsibility to pick up prep instructions/surface*
  - *Unless specified, Zoom is available for every class*

<b>Paint In Enrollment</b>		
(Please initial) _____ I understand it is my responsibility to pick up prep instructions & surface, if available. I understand no refunds are given for paint-ins.                      ZOOM ?    Yes    No		
Project Name:	Member Fee and/or Non-Member Fee:	
Name:	Packet/Supplies Fee:	
Phone:	Surface Fee:	
Email:	Total Enclosed	
Make checks payable to <b>"San Diego Brush Whackers"</b> and mail to: Kathy Steffel, 10714 Sayers Ct, Santee CA 92071		

**Questions/Concerns: Contact Kathy Steffel at [kjsteffel@cox.net](mailto:kjsteffel@cox.net) or Roxanne Walker at [tole29@yahoo.com](mailto:tole29@yahoo.com)**



*Caroling on Candy Cane Lane*

*Was a huge success thanks to the wonderful generosity of all of you who attended.*

*The raffle raised*

*\$2,950*

*\$1,000 will be donated to*

*The Rachel Center*

*Thank you VERY much!!!*

*We are grateful for our creative,*

*talented and hardworking*

*Candy Cane Crew!!*

*Thank you Ladies!!*

*Cecelia & Carol*

## PICTURES FROM THE CHRISTMAS PARTY!



**SOME OF THE CANDY CANE CREW AND THEIR BEAUTIFUL SET UP**



**PICTURES FROM THE CHRISTMAS PARTY!**



## PICTURES FROM THE CHRISTMAS PARTY!



**JUST SOME OF THE AMAZING  
RAFFLE PRIZES**



**VERY HAPPY  
RAFFLE  
WINNERS!**



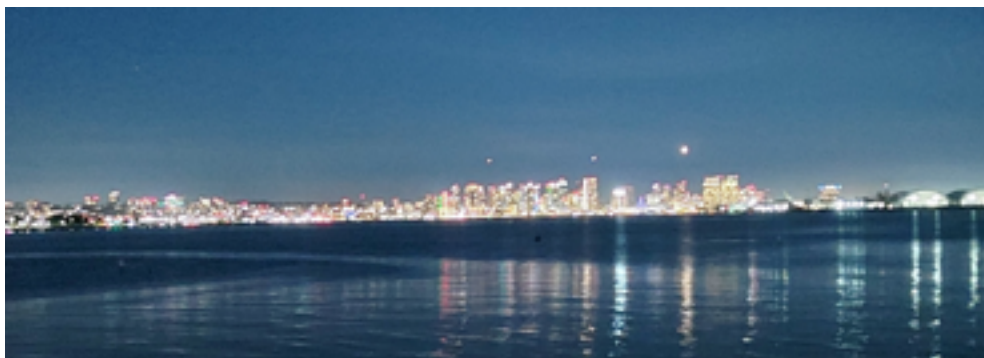
**PICTURES FROM THE CHRISTMAS PARTY!**



**SPECIAL  
RAFFLE ITEMS**



**INSTALLATION OF  
OFFICERS AND  
PRESIDENT'S GIFTS**



**THE VIEW FROM OUR LOVELY VENUE**



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